

TRIBUTE TO THE LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS OF NEW YORK CITY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the League of Humane Voters of New York City (LOHV-NYC) for their support of animal rights and their efforts to hold elected officials accountable to their constituents on issues concerning animal welfare.

Since their conception in 2001, the League of Humane Voters of New York City has been mobilizing public concern for animal rights through the democratic process by campaigning for the election of humane candidates to public office. LOHV-NYC has become a driving force for the defense of animals in New York City by raising tens of thousands of dollars and campaigning for dozens of humane candidates at the local and State level. LOHV-NYC recognized that animal rights was a political issue as well as a moral issue and has worked with citizens, activists, political parties, candidates and elected representatives to create awareness for animal welfare issues.

In January 2006, the LOHV-NYC created and published the first ever humane scorecard for the New York City Council, which tracked Council members' votes and sponsorship of legislation relating to animal welfare issues. The scorecard was first published in Satya Magazine in 2006 and since then has received major media attention.

The members of the League of Humane Voters in New York City are leaders in the animal protection movement, experts in law and politics, and everyday citizens. I would like to congratulate them on their dedication and on educating countless people on animal rights' issues.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, on September 7, 2007, I missed rollcall vote No. 863, on passage of H.R. 1908, the Patent Reform Act of 2007. I was in Iraq visiting Washington State soldiers. If I had been present, I would have voted "yes."

RECOGNIZING THE UNITED STATES-POLAND PARLIAMENTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 377, the United States-Poland Parliamentary Youth Exchange Program Act of 2007. I was a proud co-sponsor of H.R. 1636, the House companion to S. 377,

and was the lead original co-sponsor of the bill in the 109th Congress. This legislation will establish a new program to help American students learn about the Polish parliament, help Polish students learn about the U.S. Congress, and help both of these countries better understand one of their closest allies.

Since the establishment of the Polish Republic in 1919, the United States has been in diplomatic relations with Poland. Our friend has cooperated closely with us on issues such as nuclear proliferation, human rights, and democratization. It is important that the youth of our nations ensure that both social and diplomatic ties between our two great nations remain a top priority.

The purpose of the youth exchange program is to demonstrate to the youth of the United States and Poland the benefits of friendly cooperation between the United States and Poland based on common political and cultural values.

On behalf of the more than 110,000 residents of Illinois' Fifth Congressional District of Polish descent, I want to extend our gratitude. Poland has long been a strong ally of the United States, and has assisted in global efforts to combat terrorism. Our friends have also provided troops and resources for Operation Iraqi Freedom. This is a country that is committed to the democratic ideals of liberty and human rights.

Madam Speaker, I am proud that we are considering this legislation today, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting a strong symbol of our friendship with Poland.

BRENDAN WILLIAM WATERS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brendan William Waters, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 261, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brendan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Brendan has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brendan William Waters for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION 2007-2008 PRESIDENT RON MARVEL AND LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT DEBBIE MARVEL

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. CASTLE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the fire service leadership in Delaware

during the Annual Conference of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Thousands of citizens in Delaware participate as volunteer emergency responders and support personnel in our fire companies across the state. They work tirelessly alongside of our career fire service members making our state a safer place to live.

Each year at the Conference, firefighters come to training opportunities, business meetings, and social events. Firefighters display the pride in their company and equipment during the annual parade.

Over the next year the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association will be led by President Ron Marvel of Seaford. Ron operates a family business in Seaford where he is a longtime member and Past Chief at the Seaford Volunteer Fire Department. Prior to being elected as the President of the Delaware Volunteer Firemen's Association, Ron served as President of the Delaware State Fire Chiefs Association, the Sussex County Fire Chiefs Association and the Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association.

The Ladies Auxiliary President for 2007-2008 is Debra "Debbie" Marvel. Debbie is a homemaker and is active in her church as an organist as well being a community volunteer in Seaford. Debbie is a life member of the Seaford Ladies Auxiliary and has held many offices up to and including President. She is active in the Sussex County Ladies Auxiliary Association having held the office of President. Her leadership ability is recognized by the ladies auxiliary members throughout our state who elected her to the office of President.

Fire company leaders like Ron and Debbie exemplify a commitment of service to our citizens not unlike the service provided by all the members of the Delaware Fire Service. I wish them well over the next year as they take on this enormous task of leading our first responders.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE WESTERN CAMPUS OF CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 17, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 40th year of the Western Campus of Cuyahoga Community College. In the time this institution has been in existence, it has served hundreds of thousands of people in the community as an institution of higher learning. It is a shining example of the quality education such an institution can provide to a local community.

The campus currently serves between 11,000 and 12,000 credit students each term, as well as many more non-credit students. It is considered one of the top community colleges not only in the state of Ohio, but in the United States.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Cuyahoga Community College for its 40 years of dedication to affordable, quality education. May they continue to be stewards of minds of all ages, and may their commitment to northeast Ohio grow even stronger.